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### 1. MALAYSIA

BILL INTRODUCED TO REVOKE 1975 AMENDMENT TO MALAYSIA'S  
PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT ACT WHICH WAS VIEWED AS THREAT TO  
OIL COMPANIES' PRIVATE OWNERSHIP--MOVE INTENDED TO PROVE  
MALAYSIA'S INTENTION TO IMPROVE INVESTMENT CLIMATE (WSJ).

### 2. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN TREASURER LYNCH ANNOUNCES GOVT SPENDING WILL BE  
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CUT BY 25 MILL DOLS, MAINLY BY DEFERRALS--ACTION DESIGNED  
TO OFFSET DEFLATIONARY EFFECTS OF AUSTRALIA'S 17.5 PERCENT  
DEVALUATION OF CURRENCY 2 WKS AGO (REUTER WP, PHINQ).

JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN REFUSED MEMBERSHIP AT KEYSBOROUGH  
GOLF CLUB DUE OBJECTIONS MEMBERS WHO WERE WW II PRISONERS  
OF JAPANESE (WSTAR 12/16).

### 3. PHILIPPINES

REUTER (MANILA) REPORTS PRES MARCOS MAKES IT CLEAR PHILS WILL ACCEPT NOTHING SHORT OF GUARANTEE FOR SECURITY SELF-RELIANCE IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS--SAYS PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS MUST AWAIT CARTER ADMIN. ROMULO REPORTED AS STATING NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW US ADMIN MUST START FROM SCRATCH.

FORSEC ROMULO ANNOUNCES 5TH WNCTAD CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MANILA 1979. ROMULO ALSO CONFIRMS PHILIPPINES SELLING 200,000 TONS SUGAR TO CHINA FOR OIL (REUTER PHINQ).

#### 4. KOREA

SENATE SELECT CMTE ON INTELL CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION RE CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES US OF "FRIENDLY" FOREIGN GOVTS--"DELICATE" PROBE IN PRELIMINARY STAGES, FOCUSING INITIALLY ON ACTIONS CHILE, IRAN AND ROK. STATE DEPT SAYS ONLY LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY OF FORINTELL OFFICERS HERE IS LIAISON W/US INTEL AGENCIES (NYT, ALSO CARRIED SUN). AP'S MARTIN (WP) NOTES VOTE BY FULL CMTE REQUIRED BEFORE ALL-OUT PROBE CAN BE LAUNCHED.

#### 5. INDOCHINA

AT PLAINES NEWS CONFERENCE THURS, PRES-ELECT CARTER SAYS MAINTAINS POSITION THAT UNTIL CONVINCED THAT MAXIMUM UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING OF MIAS MADE, WOULD NOT FAVOR NORMALIZATION RELS W/VN. ADDS HAS NOT SEEN HOUSE MIA CMTE REPORT. TO FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, REPLIES KEEPING OPTION OPEN TO FORM COMMISSION TRY GO TO VN RE MIAS, STILL CONSIDERING MOVE (NYT).

STUART (CSM) NOTES HOUSE MIA CMTE REPORT REKINDLES FLICKERING MIA ISSUE, INCENSES MANY MIA KIN. DISCUSSES EMOTIONAL/FINANCIAL STAKES OF FAMILIES. OBERDORFER (WP) QUOTES REP MONTGOMERY OF HOUSE MIA CMTE THAT US-VN TALKS AIMED AT NORMALIZATION RELS WILL BEGIN MAKING PROGRESS AS SOON AS CARTER ADMIN TAKES OFFICE. REVIEWS HISTORY/FINDINGS CMTE. UPI (WP) NOTES MIA CMTE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED ATROCITY; NVA TROOPS USED BODY US AVIATOR FOR TARGET PRACTICE.

AT 4TH PARTY CONGRESS AT HANOI, PHAM VAN DONG SAYS SVIETS MAY BE MOVED TO NVN AS PART REDISTRIBUTION WORK FORCE TO CARRY OUT 5-YR PLAN (WP). ANDELMAN (NYT) QUOTES PHAM VAN DONG THAT POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION WILL START NEXT YR WITH SHIFT SURPLUS LABOR FROM DENSELY SETTLED AREAS. NOTES SAIGON OFFICIAL EXPECTS ABOUT 1 MILLION BE MOVED FROM CITY TO NEW ECON ZONES. ADDS SVN SEEMS HAVE LITTLE

ROLE IN TOP ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS'S PARTY. GIVES CHIEF AIMS CONGRESS AS ESTABLISH NEW POL/ECON DIRECTION FOR COUNTRY, ELECT NEW POLITBURO/CENTRAL CMTE. SEES INDICATION NO MIL DEMOBILIZATION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

BRADSHER (WSTAR 12/16) REPORTS SHARP SPLIT AMONG LEADERS ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT IN US. DISAGREEMENT INVOLVES WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IN VN, W/BAEZ/ELLSBERG/BERRIGAN BROS COMPLAINING "GRIEVOUS AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS" BY UNITED VN GOVT, WHILE SOON-TO-BE-CLOSED INDO-CHINA RESOURCES CENTER'S PROTER DEFENDS VN REGIME, SAYS ACCUSERS DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. ADDS UNCLASSIFIED

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LTRS OF COMPLAINT SENT VN'S UN OBSERVER THI BY SANE GROUP INCL BAEZ ON BEHALF THOSE IMPRISONED IN VN DUE POL/RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS; LTRS NEVER ANSWERED. FOREST OF FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION SAYS WILL TRY MEET THI W/O APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT.

EADS (WP) REPORTS PL SEEN LOSING CONTROL LAOS COUNTRYSIDE IN SOUTHERN PANHANDLE/MOUNTAINS N OF VIENTIANE/WESTERN PROV. QUOTES PL FORMIN OFFICIAL THAT RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS BEING SUPPORTED BY "THAI REACTIONARIES"/CIA. BELIEVES RESISTANCE GROUPS HAVE REGIONAL/ETHIC MOTIVATION, HEIGHTENED BY ECON/CULTURAL REFORMS INSTITUTED BY PL. ADDS BOTH RTG/US OFFICIALS DENY GIVING SUPPORT TO RESISTANCE GROUPS.

#### 6. THAILAND

FIELD MARSHAL PRAPHAS EXPECTED RETURN FROM EXILE OVER WKEND. NAT ASSY PASSES PARDON FOR MIL GROUP THAT TOOK POWER IN OCT (REUTER BANGKOK).

#### 7. CHINA

PROV RADIO STATION SAYS HUA WAS GUERRILLA LEADER DURING 1937-45 ANTI-JAPANESE WAR (REUTER PEKING).

MAO'S NEPHEW, MAO YUAN-HSIN, REPORTEDLY KILLED DURING ARRESTS CHIANG CHING/OTHER RADICALS (WP).

#### 8. INDONESIA

WP'S LIPPMAN, COVERING OPEC TALKS, SAYS INDONESIA/KUWAIT REPORTEDLY ASKING FOR 10-15 PCT HIKE IN OIL PRICES.

GOI ANNOUNCES DRASTIC CURTAILMENT STUDIES ABROAD DUE "ADVERSE INFLUENCE OF FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES." MEASURE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECTED HIT HARDEST AT ETHNIC CHINESE STUDENTS (AFP, NYT).

9. JAPAN

PREMIER MIKI ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION, TAKING "RESPONSIBILITY" FOR LDP SETBACK IN 12/5 ELECTIONS--FUKUDA SEEN AS MOST LIKELY NEW PM (WSJ, SUN, UPI WP, REUTER). SUN'S SEIDEN SEES NEXT PM POSSIBLY HAVING HARD TIME AHEAD, W/PARTY STILL 11 SEATS SHORT WORKING MAJORITY IN LOWER HOUSE.

US SENATE BUDGET CMTE ECONOMISTS SAY CARTER GOALS FOR HIGHER PRODUCTION/LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT TIED TO INCREASED SALES TO GERMANY/JAPAN (WSJ).

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS JAPAN'S OVERALL BOP PRODUCED 280 MILL DOLS SURPLUS NOV AFTER 98 MILL DOLS DEFICIT OCT.

ALL JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION (AJSU) WILL DEMAND LARGE BASIC MONTHLY WAGE INCREASE AVERAGING 11.3 PERCENT FOR OCEAN-GOING CREWS WHEN IT BEGINS NEGOTIATING W/OWNERS NEXT SPRING (JOC).

SUSPECTED JRA MEMBER TOSHIO OHMURA CAPTURED BY CANADIAN POLICE/DEPORTED TO JAPAN (REUTER, LAT).

WP'S SAAR SAYS JAPANESE GOVT CONDUCTING URGENT PROBE PESTICIDE LEPTOPHOS, WHICH MARKETING JAPAN BY US FIRM SINCE 1969, THO NEVER PERMITTED TO BE USED IN US--NO ADVERSE FINDINGS IN INITIAL STAGE INVESTIGATION.

SUNTORY ROYAL WHISKEY PROMOTION CAMPAIGN STRESSING PRODUCT SIMILARITY TO SCOTCH--DISTILLERS SCOTLAND CONCERNED RE SUNTORY ENCROACHMENT SCOTCH MARKET (NYDN).

USMC JET CRASHES INTO SEA AFTER TAKEOFF FROM IWAKUNI--PILOT REPORTED MISSING (WP).  
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10. GENERAL

USSR PLANS NEW SERIES ROCKET TESTS INTO NW PAC FROM DEC 20-30 (AP, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

NYDN BELIEVES MOST MIA FAMILIES ACCEPT SAD TRUTH IN HOUSE CMTE REPORT THAT NO MIAS REMAIN ALIVE. ADDS NATION

SHOULDN'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL RECEIVES FULL ACCOUNTING AS  
PLEDGED BY HANOI. STATES USG'S DUTY APPLY PRESSURE IN  
EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO GET ACCOUNTING.

12. INDONESIA

DISCUSSING AREA'S NATL GAS PROBLEM, LAT (12/16) BELIEVES  
WOULD BE MISTAKE UNDERTAKE CONSTRUCTION MASSIVE LNG  
TERMINAL TO ALLOW GAS FROM INDONESIA/ALASKA/ELSEWHERE  
COME IN. QUESTIONS COST/SAFETY PROPOSED FACILITY.

13. CHINA

MUNRO (CSM) WONDERS IF PURGE OUT OF CONTROL SINCE ATTACKS  
ON ALLEGED SUPPORTERS "GANG OF FOUR" HAVE BECOME SO DIS-  
ORDERLY/INDISCRIMINATE IN SOME AREAS MAY THREATEN HUA'S  
INTERESTS. NOTES THOUSANDS OFFICIALS EFFECTIVELY DIS-  
MISSED FROM POSTS; SAYS PEKING PLEAS FOR DISCIPLINE  
INDICATE HUA FEELS POL DANGER. ADDS ALL PROVS INVOLVED,  
CALLS FOR MODERATION MAY NOT BE HEEDED. OPINES LONGER  
PURGE CONTINUES UNCHECKED, MORE LIKELY WILL CLAIM VIC-  
TIMS NOT AMONG MME MAO'S SUPPORTERS.

IN TRUDEAU'S "DOONESBURY," AMB "UNCLE DUKE" WANTS TO  
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LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI WHERE BEST WALL POSTERS ARE SINCE  
FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE AFFAIRS COULD BE INVALUABLE FOR  
"SOMEONE MAKING SERIOUS BOOK." WHEN REMINDED, ADDS  
"IMPORTANT DIVIDEND" WOULD BE HELP IN CONDUCTING FOREIGN  
POLICY.

14. CHINA/KOREA

BACHRACK (LAT 12/16) COMPARES ACTIVITIES ROK AIMED AT  
INFLUENCING CONGRESS W/OLD CHINA LOBBY OF '50S THAT "WAS  
CONGRESS ITSELF." FINDS INTERESTING PARALLELS/DIFFERENCES.  
SAYS KEY DIFFERENCE IS AMCITS SUPPORTING CHINATS ACTED  
MAINLY ON OWN INITIATIVE, WHILE KOREANS ORGANIZED SUPPORT  
W/O EXISTING SUPPORT BASE IN CONGRESS; POINTS OUT BOTH  
LOBBYING CAMPAIGNS APPARENTLY LAUNCHED IN RESPONSE TO  
EVENTS IN WASHINGTON: TRUMAN'S DEFEAT OF DEWEY LED TO  
ACTION TO SUPPORT CHINATS, WHOLE KOREA LOBBY WAS SPAWNED  
IN 1970 WHEN NIXON ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL 20,000 TROOPS  
FROM SK. MENTIONS CIA'S ALLEGED HAND IN CHINA LOBBY.  
ADVOCATES FULL INVESTIGATION KOREA LOBBY, BUT OPINES  
PROBE'S GREATEST SERVICE WOULD BE OPEN WAY FOR EXTENSIVE  
EXAMINATION CHINA LOBBY.

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15. KOREA

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) DO PIECE RE EFFORTS BLOCK REP ZABLOCKI

FROM CHAIRMANSHIP HIRC BECAUSE OF HIS "INDEPENDENCE" ON  
MIDEAST MATTERS--ONE TACTIC BEING USED IS CRITICISM HIS  
VOTE FOR MIL AID TO ROK AND HIS MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY  
COUNCIL "NOW SUSPECT" SK CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION.  
LAT'S KERBY (12/16) DOES RATHER HEAVY-HANDED HUMOR COLUMN,  
POKING CRITICAL "FUN" AT KCIA INTIMIDATION LA AREA, AND  
CASH "GIFTS" TONGSUN PARK.

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READER GEORGE ROSEN WRITES TO NYT TO QUESTION US PRESENCE  
IN EA. BRINGS UP ISSUE DUE US OPNS KCIA/MARCOS' REJECTION  
TENTATIVE BASE AGREEMENT. OPINES IF US DOES NOT BECOME  
INVOLVED IN LAND/SEA WAR IN AREA, NO REASON HAVE BASES.  
THINKS SK SHOULD BE ABLE DEFEND SELF. STATES IF PRC/USSR  
ATTACK JAPAN, CAN DO SO FROM OTHER PARTS MAINLAND ASIA AS  
EASILY AS FROM SK. SEES US DEF TREATY W/JAPAN/JAPAN'S  
OWN STRENGTH AS MAIN MIL DEFENSE, NOT US TROOPS IN SK.  
REVIEWS COSTS US PRESENCE IN SK/PHILS. ADVISES NEW ADMIN  
REVIEW SITUATION BEFORE FURTHER COMMITMENTS MADE.  
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